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SUBJECT:NAMIBIA: TRAVEL OF SWAPO MEMBERS TO NEW YORK

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1. OTHER MEMBERS OF THE CONTACT GROUP SHARE OUR VIEW
THAT WESTERN FIVE SHOULD NOT
FUND TRAVEL OF SWAPO MEMBERS TO NEW YORK FOR FORTHCOMING
SECURITY COUNCIL MEETINGS ON NAMIBIA. EMBASSY SHOULD,
THEREFORE, NOT RAISE SUBJECT WITH SWAPO (REFTEL). IF
APPROACHED BY SWAPO.
EMBASSY SHOULD INFORM SWAPO THAT MATTER WILL HAVE TO BE
REFERRED TO DEPARTMENT.

2. WHILE WE HAVE FUNDED SWAPO TRAVEL IN THE PAST, IN
EACH INSTANCE IT WAS FOR PURPOSE OF FACILITATING A MEETING
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OF THE CONTACT GROUP WITH SWAPO OFFICIALS. SINCE SECURITY
COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE A REGULAR UN ACTIVITY, WE BELIEVE
IT WOULD BE INAPPROPRIATE FOR THE WESTERN FIVE TO PAY
THE TRAVEL EXPENSES OF ANY NAMIBIAN POLITICAL GROUP. (WE
FOLLOWED A SIMILAR POLICY AT THE APRIL UNGA SPECIAL
SESSION ON NAMIBIA.)

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